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Owens supports Master Plan draft

by Suzanne Cruzen

Master Plan III received two different reactions when NWMSU and Missouri Western State College met before members of the Coordinating Board Dec. 5.

Approximately 500 people, the majority of them MWSC supporters, attended the hearing in Savannah--the first of seven regional meetings to be held in the state.

The plan, which is still in the discussion draft stage, is to "forecast the future and help the institutions make decisions concerning the future," said Dr. Bruce Robertson, commissioner of the Missouri Department of Higher Education.

President B.D. Owens pledged NWMSU's support of the Master Plan.

"We are agreed that the guidelines therein contained are logical and far-sighted," he said. "We are committed to following the philosophies and goals outlined in this draft of the Master Plan."

But MWSC is antagonistic toward the draft, believing it will restrict their institutional freedom.

"There can be no substitute, in our opinion, for institutional autonomy and the operation of the free market place," said President M.O. Looney. "We believe the best judges of which are geographically too close, & students who vote with their tuition checks."

Other St. Joseph area spokesmen echoed President Looney's objections to the plan.

"Any restrictions placed on Missouri Western State's

role as a four-year college will adversely affect its overall quality as an institution," said Michael Meierhoffer, vice-president and secretary of the St. Joseph area Chamber of Commerce.

Opposition to the draft plan also came from MWSC's Board of Regents.

"The Board's greater concern is that the Department of Higher Education, in its planning process, is preempting the prerogatives of the Missouri Western College Board of Regents, who feel it is their legal responsibility to determine the academic direction of the institution," said Vice-President Kenneth Christgen, Jr.

But Robertson believes part of that responsibility lies with the Coordinating Board.

"The Missouri Legislature, through the Constitution of the state for the Coordinating Board, has not opted for complete unfettered, unlicensed, unrestricted institutional autonomy," he said.

President Owens agrees.

"Missouri's taxpayers deserve better than to be forced into financing an uncontrolled educational system made up of institutions where tax dollars compete against tax dollars," he said.

But MWSC is opposed to controls, especially the restrictions of expansion of residential facilities on their campus.

"We can find no way to agree with the Master Plan, where it suggests restricting the growth of residential spaces at Missouri Western State," said President Looney.

"We resist the effort to impinge upon our institutional autonomy and wish to make the decision to expand on-campus living opportunities as circumstances and finances warrant it," he added.

Keith Evans, vice-president of MWSC's Student Government Association, asked the Coordinating Board why this restriction was being placed on their college.

"We feel it is a mistake for Missouri Western or Missouri Southern to incur those kind of obligations, when not very far away, there are major regional universities with extensive dormitory complexes," said Robertson. "That makes those colleges a little different. It means Missouri Western College will be more of a commuter college."

But this restricted expansion of MWSC dormitory space is just one of the "arbitrary restrictions" placed on MWSC, believes Dr. Joseph Ripple, MWSC Faculty Senate.

"It is simply not in keeping with the spirit of fair play, which has characterized America to favor one institution, by placing arbitrary restrictions on another," he said. Christgen also believes the plan favors NWMSU.

"We are forced to conclude that other influences are at work, since it is apparent that the Master Plan seeks to regulate and control the otherwise, natural growth of Missouri Western State College," he said. "We can only conclude that the Department of Higher Education's hidden agenda is the artificial support--at taxpayers' expense--of a rural university . . ."

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Faculty and administrators react
positively to Master Plan III's
suggestion of phasing out 2-year
programs at NWMSU. See page 2.

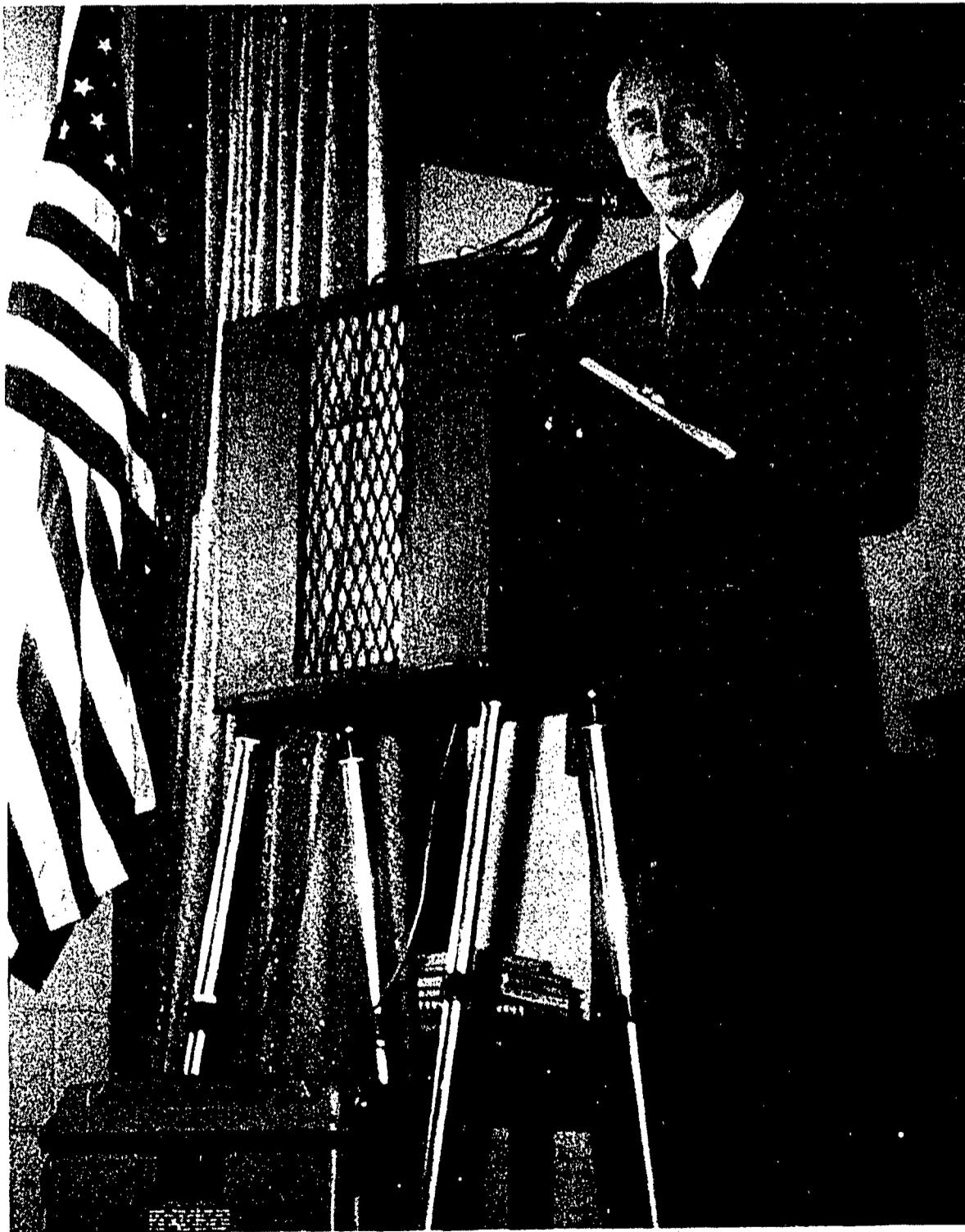


Photo by Lori Atkins

President B.D. Owens pledged NWMSU's support of Master Plan III at the hearing before the Coordinating Board Dec. 5. "Unless we all fully cooperate, unless we all do what we can to avoid and

eliminate costly unnecessary duplication of state educational services, we run the risk of self-destruction of this historic public educational system," he said.

NOTES**GOVERNOR TEASDALE TO SPEAK ON CAMPUS**

Gov. Joseph Teasdale will be available for a question and answer period at 8 p.m., Dec. 12 in the Union Ballroom.

Teasdale, who has been speaking all over the state, will be accompanied by his cabinet members.

"The theme seems to be cutting taxes and government," said Dr. Richard Fulton, of the political science department.

GRADUATION FEES DUE DEC. 8

All December degree candidates need to pay their graduation fees at the cashier window by Dec. 8. The fee for the Bachelor's degree is \$20 and the Master's degree, \$25.

AUDITIONS SLATED

Auditions will be held for student and faculty acts for the Bohlken Awards film night at 7 p.m., Jan. 15 in Room 410 of the Administration building.

Gong show-type talent is requested and all are welcome to audition. For further information, contact Dwight Lane at KDLX or Robert Craig in the speech department.

FEES CHANGES ANNOUNCED

Miscellaneous fee changes, effective next semester, include bowling, which was increased from \$15 to \$17.50. Golf has also raised from \$7.50 to \$8.75.

Students will be required to sign for their activity card for the Spring 1979 semester. Replacement cards must be purchased if the student loses his original card. Fee duplications will not be issued under any circumstances.

DEBATORS PLACE IN TOURNAMENT

NWMSU's debate team of Scott Kilpatrick and Bruce Williamson captured fifth place in junior varsity debate in the Iowa State Desperado Debate Tournament Dec. 1 and 2.

In the senior division, Ward Smith and Gregg Turner placed fourth overall, as they lost to Wayne State-Michigan 2-1 in quarterfinals.

The debate squad's next competition will be a two-week West Coast trip. They will attend tournaments at USC, UCLA, and California State-Fulerton.

"DAYBREAK" TO PERFORM

Daybreak, a regional Lutheral Youth Encounter team, in part of their tour through the Midwest, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7 in the Spanish Den of the Student Union.

The performance, free to the public, is sponsored by Messenger, a Lutheran Student group.

SWIM-A-THON TO BE HELD

The NWMSU Swim Club will hold a swim-a-thon Dec. 7. Any student or faculty member who wishes to pledge money should contact any member of the club.

PAYCHECKS AVAILABLE DEC. 8 AND 15

Paychecks will be available Dec. 8 and Dec. 15 to NWMSU student workers at the cashier's office. Those unable to pick up their checks on Dec. 15 can have them mailed to their home address by leaving a self-addressed and stamped envelope in the payroll office.

PRESIDENT OWENS BEGINS RECEPTIONS

President B.D. Owens, in the first of a series of receptions, met with the foreign students at his house Dec. 6. The Greek organizations will be at his house Dec. 7.

"The objective is to invite as many students over as we can," said President Owens.

The series will be continued next semester.

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Deleting 2-year programs may strengthen University

Phasing out some two-year programs, while strengthening the four-year and master's programs, is a realistic role for NWMSU, according to Dr. George English, vice-president of academic affairs.

"This is a regional university. If the role is to offer four-year programs and master's degrees, I'm quite willing to go along with that," he said. "The role the state offers us is a realistic one."

"I don't think it would be detrimental to us. I think in the long run, it would be good for us to strengthen our four-year programs," he added.

"We are a regional university and we have a regional university responsibility," said President B.D. Owens.

However, he doesn't believe all of NWMSU's two-year programs will be phased out.

Some of our two-year programs are very strong," he said. "The Master Plan doesn't say that we have to phase out. It suggests a review of them."

"We wouldn't, though, go out and start developing two-year programs that compete with Missouri Western."

Currently, NWMSU has certified programs in the industrial arts, nursing, business, library science, agricultural, home economics and science departments.

Most of the faculty agree that cooperation should be encouraged.

"There should be cooperation," said Dr. Herman Collings, industrial arts department. "It's not healthy for either one to be so competitive. I think that no new two-year programs should be set up on campus."

However, according to Dr. Collins, the present programs have increased department enrollment without any additional cost.

Dr. John C. Beeks agreed. "It doesn't cost us a nickel to have this program, but our enrollment is definitely higher."

"Eighty percent of the students continue to a four-year program. That's twenty majors we wouldn't have, otherwise," he said.

But the proposed phasing out of the certificate programs in the science and nursing departments would have little effect on the departments.

"Over-all, it wouldn't hurt us that much," said Dr. David Smith, science department.

"I don't think it will have any effect on the nursing program here," said Leda Stanton, coordinator of the school of practical nursing. "We are serving a purpose in this area."

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Pass/fail policy comes under fire

by Suzanne Cruzen

Restrictions on the use of the pass/fail policy may be coming as a result of a yet-uncompleted review by a sub-committee of the Faculty Senate's Curriculum and Degree Requirements Committee.

Still in the preliminary stages, the review is being conducted to determine if pass/fail is working as it should.

"Are we, in fact, doing the student a service with pass/fail?" asked committee member Jim Hurst. "Should we modify it? Reject it?"

Hurst declined to say when the committee's proposal will be presented to the Faculty Senate or what it is likely to contain.

Dr. George English, vice-president of academic affairs, believes a change in the policy is likely.

"There has been a feeling in the faculty ever since I've been here that pass/fail is being used for the wrong purpose," he said. "I think the faculty believes it has been misused and misused badly."

"The original concept behind pass/fail was to step outside your major area," said President B.D. Owens. "It was designed to help people experiment without jeopardizing their GPA."

"If the philosophy is that pass/fail should be used to investigate new areas,

then students may not be using it for that," said Dr. English.

"If the purpose is for intellectual curiosity, then less than 15 percent use it for that," agreed Hurst.

"Are we, in fact, doing the student a service with pass/fail?"

A recent survey, conducted by seven members of Kathryn Belcher's business communications class, revealed students most frequently use pass/fail for general education courses that are difficult for them. Conducted randomly in general education classes, "the intention of this survey was to find out what the students know about pass/fail and how strongly they feel about it," said Chairman Dan Murphy.

Out of 87 surveyed students, 22 used pass/fail for general education classes, 19 for electives and one put a class in his major on pass/fail. (Some students interviewed had not yet used pass/fail.)

But using it for a general education requirement may not be good, believe some faculty and administrators.

"Students, in some cases, are just taking that as an easy way out," said Registrar Phil Hayes. He believes that students may have the attitude, "I've done the minimum and that's all I'm going to do."

"My criticism of pass/fail is many students use it to escape the responsibility of working in a class," said Dr. English.

The sub-committee also cites this as a possible problem of pass/fail.

"Does it destroy the incentive of students to participate in a class?" asked Hurst. "Does it encourage sloppy study habits, laziness, absenteeism?"

"Lots of times students will apply themselves just as much in a class that is on pass/fail," said President Owens.

Hayes agrees.

Two-thirds of the 732 students on pass/fail during the 1978 spring semester made a "C" or better in the class, according to Hayes. Forty students failed.

The use of pass/fail dropped to 563 this semester, but Hayes was unable to cite a reason for the decline.

"There is no abuse of the pass/fail as stated in the catalog."

Does the decline indicate a decreasing need for pass/fail?

According to the business communications survey, 68 percent of the students believe pass/fail is an important part of the academic policy. Sixty-six percent had, or were planning to use it.

But are these students misusing pass/fail?

Janet Zentmire, one of the students conducting the survey, does not believe they are.

Because the purpose of pass/fail is not stated in the catalog, this "original concept of stepping outside their major" may be something the faculty, but not the students, is aware of.

"There is no abuse of the pass/fail as stated in the catalog," Zentmire said.

According to her, the business communications class also looked at three catalogs in each of the five surrounding states.

"The purpose was usually stated," she said. "But not in our catalog."

The NWMSU catalog states a student

who has earned 15 credit hours at NWMSU (exclusive of activities) and has a 2.0 GPA is eligible for pass/fail. Twelve hours of pass/fail may be used in any course. However, when used in the 300-or-higher-level courses in the major and minor areas,

was spent on the study of the gym and its possible changes.

The appropriation of funds for the renovation will be put before the state legislature this spring. If approved, approximately \$70,000 will be spent on the blueprints for the changes, with construction to begin soon after that.

Some of the possible changes include renovation of bleachers, locker room facilities, new ventilation, lighting, heat, new swimming pool facilities and more accessibility for the handicapped.

Swimming programs at NWMSU have been cancelled because of lack

it will not count toward the hours required for that specific degree.

These pass/fail hours on a student's transcript may hurt him, according to Hurst.

"Pass/fail is not accepted by professional and graduate schools and in some instances, will not transfer at the undergraduate levels," he said.

"Pass/fail has certain kinds of connotations in the eyes of professionals," said Hayes.

"They look at general requirements to see if the student will work," agreed Hurst.

Despite its disadvantages, pass/fail could be an asset, believes President Owens.

"A pass/fail class can be a plus for students venturing outside their major," he said. "To some perspective employers, that would mean a lot."

What does pass/fail mean to the students?

Hurst thinks most students are "indifferent" to it, but Zentmire believes differently.

"They favor the opportunity of pass/fail, but will agree to change," she said.

But change will not come without input from the students, according to Hurst.

"We are not trying to move without input from the students," he said.

If a change is proposed it must meet the approval of the entire Faculty Senate.

Consideration will be given to Student Senate's view, but Hurst declined to say how much impact the Senate's stand will have on the outcome of the pass/fail debate.

"If Student Senate would vote for students to have to make an 'A' in every class, then that's not worth the dynamite it takes to blow it up with," he said. "Unfortunately, that's not in their area of competency."

If a change is proposed by the Curriculum and Degree Committee, it must meet the approval of the entire Faculty Senate. From there, it must receive an affirmative vote from Dr. English, President Owens and the Board of Regents.

of facilities, but the new pool will provide adequate area for the re-establishment of these programs. Twenty-five meters by 25 yards, approximately half of the size of an Olympic-sized pool, is the estimated size to be constructed.

Although the proposed plans include the connection of Lamkin and Martindale, there will be little renovation in Martindale. The two gyms will be connected by new office space and classrooms.

The possibility of drop nets to divide the gym for various activities and handball courts are two other chances under consideration.

More bomb threats

A string of three bomb threats occurred on Nov. 30, but according to Security Investigator Roger Crumpton, there is no connection between these threats and those made earlier in the semester.

"I think they're both totally unrelated," he said.

The first call on Nov. 30 came over the campus switchboard, from outside the University, at 9:48 a.m. The caller was a male, possibly in his 20's, who spoke distinctly and calmly, with a deep voice and a foreign accent, according to the switchboard operator on duty.

According to the operator, the caller said, "I am calling to report a bomb threat which will occur at 10:45 in Garrett-Strong."

When the operator asked him to repeat, he said, "There will also be one in Horace Mann at approximately the same time."

Garrett-Strong was evacuated and secured by 11:35 a.m. Horace Mann

was emptied and secured by 11:15 a.m.

The second bomb threat, also coming from outside the University, was received at 5:35 p.m. According to the switchboard operator, the caller was a male who spoke with a soft voice, a local accent and sounded nervous. The caller said, "There is a bomb in Garrett-Strong that is about to go off any minute."

When campus security arrived at 6:02 p.m., the fire alarm was already going off by 6:05, the building had been evacuated.

Officers from the campus Security Department, Maryville Public Safety Department, Nodaway County Sheriff's Department and other University personnel were assigned in teams to search specific areas of the building.

Even though the search failed to uncover a bomb, it did reveal that one fire alarm had been pulled and a second alarm box had been opened, according to Crumpton.

"One of the alarms was opened up with an allen wrench," he said.

Freshman members of the Missouri General Assembly visited NWMSU Wednesday as part of the state-wide inspection tour of state institutions held each two years for the new members.

President B.D. Owens hosted the lawmakers at a 12:30 luncheon in the Union.

Northwest hopes the 1979 session of the General Assembly will appropriate funds for the remodeling of Lamkin Gymnasium and the replacement of the more-than 50-year-old swimming pool.

According to Dr. Bob Bush, assistant to the president, \$50,000

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Final Examination Schedule

Final Exams begin at 7:30 a.m., Dec. 11 and end at 6 p.m., Dec. 15.

Classes meeting for the first time in the week:

	Date and hour of final examination:
4:00 Tuesday.....	Monday, December 11, 7:30 a.m.
8:00 Tuesday.....	10:00 a.m.
11:00 Monday.....	1:00 p.m.
9:00 Tuesday.....	3:30 p.m.
Eng. 220 and Sp. 220.....	7:00 p.m.
2:00 Monday.....	Tuesday, December 12, 7:30 a.m.
9:00 Monday.....	10:00 a.m.
3:00 Tuesday.....	1:00 p.m.
3:00 Monday.....	3:30 p.m.
Biol. 102.....	7:00 p.m.
1:00 Tuesday.....	Wednesday, December 13, 7:30 a.m.
Pol. Sc. 102.....	10:00 a.m.
12:00 Monday.....	1:00 p.m.
10:00 Monday.....	3:30 p.m.
Hist. 151.....	7:00 p.m.
Chem. 113.....	Thursday, December 14, 7:30 a.m.
8:00 Monday.....	10:00 a.m.
1:00 Monday.....	1:00 p.m.
12:00 Tuesday.....	3:30 p.m.
Sp. 101.....	7:00 p.m.
10:00 Tuesday.....	Friday, December 15, 7:30 a.m.
11:00 Tuesday.....	10:00 a.m.
2:00 Tuesday.....	1:00 p.m.
4:00 Monday.....	3:30 p.m.

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Eng. 220 and Sp. 220.....	December 11, 7:00 p.m.
Biol. 102.....	December 12, 7:00 p.m.
Pol. Sc. 102.....	December 13, 10:00 a.m.
Chem. 113.....	December 14, 7:30 a.m.
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Senators recruit students

Another semester, another year and recruitment for next semester has already begun; but this time, students are doing the recruiting.

Theresa Walker, junior class president, originated the idea and she and several other senators were involved in recruiting during Thanksgiving vacation.

"It creates a situation where students can talk to students," Walker said. "The objective of this program is to let the high school students know what there is to do here. We want them to see the students' aspect and let them know how much we like it."

"There are, at the present time, 12 students going out over Christmas vacation to different high schools," said Jim Goff assistant director of admissions. "They will be setting up appointments with guidance counselors, mostly from the high schools they graduated from."

Dr. Bush, assistant to the president, Goff and the administration are in support of the program.

According to Goff, high school students may be able to relate better to student recruiters than professional recruiters.

"We have a professional recruitment staff, but they probably don't talk to students about life on campus. It is easier for students to talk about dorm life, fraternities, sororities, athletics and all the other organizations. Professionals talk more about programs."

"We just want high school students to find out more about Northwest from the standpoint of our college students," said Goff.

Any students who would like to become involved in the recruiting program may contact Theresa Walker, Roberta Hall, or Kathy Burns, Hudson Hall.

Fee payment due Jan. 6

Fees will be paid during the verification/registration process as was done for the Fall 1978 semester.

The regular dates for payment of fees will be January 4 and 5 in Lamkin Gymnasium. Fees may also be paid in advance or on the morning of January 6.

If students wish to pay in advance, they are encouraged to pay by December 8.

Registration is not complete until all appropriate fees are paid. These include all of the following fees; incidental fee, textbook fee, miscellaneous fees and at least the first installment on room and/or board contracts. Enrollment must be cancelled if pre-registered students have not paid fees by noon January 6. Students not pre-registered will not be allowed to enroll until fees are paid.

It is the student's responsibility to pay immediately for any actions which increase the amount originally billed. These include added classes for the part-time student, adding fee bearing courses and upward changes in room and/or board contracts.

These changes will now be processed until a paid receipt is presented to the appropriate office, i.e. Registrar for additional classes, Housing for a room change and Food Service for up-grading a meal plan. This procedure also applies to any contracts processed after January 6. Meal cards and room keys will not be issued until payment has been received. Any charges occurring after noon January 6 will be subject to late fees.

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Instructors create own textbooks

by Lori Atkins

Although their daily schedules at the University are full, three NWMSU professors used weekends, nights and holidays to write college textbooks.

Dr. David Cargo, earth science professor, signed an agreement with Prentice-Hall, Inc. Dec. 4 for the publishing rights for his fourth textbook, a general earth science text for the freshman and sophomore levels. He has previously co-authored *Physical Geology* and *Man and His Geological Environment* with Dr. Bob Mallory, earth science and geography department chairman.

Dr. Wayne Amsbury, associate professor of mathematical sciences, is currently negotiating with a publisher for his first book, *Introduction to Computer Science*.

According to the three professors, there are many reasons for writing college textbooks.

"I like doing it," said Dr. Cargo. "It's hard work, but I'm interested in the whole process--writing, publishing.

However, Dr. Mallory's primary reason for writing is money.

"I wanted to make some extra money," he said. "It's a nice supplementary income, like a part-time job. But I haven't gotten rich, by any means."

"The two reasons I decided to write the textbook," said Dr. Amsbury, "is for use in Computer Science 150 and the material is useful for the graduate program for junior high and high school teachers.

"I used the rough draft of it as notes this fall. In the spring it will be available to the 150 (computer science class)...as a draft."

Although Dr. Amsbury's writing is an independent effort, Dr. Mallory and Dr. Cargo first perceived the idea of writing as a team in 1968.

They published their first co-authored book in 1974, after spending three to four years writing it. It is now in its second edition.

"Several things influenced us," said Dr. Mallory. "We looked at two or three areas, but they already had good texts. We were two unknowns in a field of well-known

geologists. When we started our environmental geology text, there were no textbooks. Ours was the only one for a whole year," he said.

"We use it here," said Dr. Cargo. "It's been out almost five years and is in about 200 schools."

He began writing his most recent book "a long time ago."

"The actual writing took one to two years. I'm half-way done. A rough draft should be finished by the end of next summer," he said. The final draft, as stated in his contract, will be finished by June 30, 1980.

Dr. Amsbury began his textbook last May and plans to finish it by January 1.

"Computer Science press (his publishing company) represents an international trend in publishing," said Dr. Amsbury. "It's the author-prepared book, in which the author does the entire thing."

"They'll typeset it, but the editing processes have been short-circuited. It's scary because they'll only have one in-depth review," he said.

"I was lucky to find a publisher," he continued. "They just happened to be looking for this type of text. I sent the rough draft off to 18 publishers and received only one contract."

But Dr. Amsbury was "never discouraged" while writing the text.

"There have been times when I wondered," he said. "But I really enjoyed it. I was inspired by being around Dr. Cargo and Dr. Mallory. I was at their end of the hall and I thought it (writing a text) was fun. So I decided I'd do it myself."

By doing it himself, Dr. Amsbury has "learned a lot. It was a different life experience."

However, he is not sure what type of reaction he will have when he sees his writing published.

"I don't know," he said. "Such complicated processes--they may be old hat by then."

Dr. Cargo has developed his own concept of writing through his writing experiences.



Photo by Lori Atkins

Dr. David Cargo [left] and Dr. Bob Mallory review one of the two earth science textbooks they have co-authored.

"At NWMSU I have a good climate to write. A person has time or can make time to do this," he said.

"I write on my own time, but I can't sit down and just write," he said. "Sometimes I go for weeks without being inspired. I have to concentrate. Writing is difficult. It's hard work."

"I have to approach it from a standpoint where everything that goes down on the page has to get the person's attention and must mean something to him," said Dr. Cargo. "If I can't communicate with the reader, I haven't succeeded."

Dr. Mallory agrees that writing a book is hard work. Having co-authored two books, he's "glad it's over."

"I'm tickled to death it's in. This is the

first Christmas vacation that I've had no chapters to produce," he said.

"The really important part is doing it," said Dr. Mallory. "Once it's done, it's nice, but.... the project is over and done. We're doing other things. It's kind of anti-climatic."

"We were told by many people on the staff that we were wasting our time. They said you have to be from a prestigious school and that we were two unknowns. But for our second book, McGraw-Hill (Publishing Company) asked us to write it. That's kind of nice when the big boys come to you," said Dr. Mallory.

"When publishers come to you and ask you to do something, you have arrived," he said.

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Reaction of St. Joseph area spokesmen to Master Plan III was antagonistic at the Dec. 5 hearing. "We won't settle for half a college or any restrictions on that college," Mayor Gordon Wiser said. Wiser was one of nine St. Joseph residents who spoke out against the plan.



Photo by Lori Atkins

Mayor believes Master Plan biased

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St. Joseph Mayor Gordon Wiser agreed that the interests of St. Joseph were not considered when developing the plan.

"Is there anybody on the board from St. Joseph?" he asked. "Has there ever been?"

"If there is any concern about a representative of this community being on the board," said Robert H. Duesenberg, chairman of the Coordinating Board, "they should be addressed to the Governor, since he makes the appointments."

The Governor's appointments, according to Robertson, are made by congressional districts.

"Members do not represent cities. They do not represent colleges."

But Mayor Wiser disagrees.

"In my role as mayor of St. Joseph, I know I speak for many citizens when I say that I will strongly oppose any effort that might eventually lead to Missouri Western becoming a junior college," he said.

"Nowhere in this document has there been any thought whatsoever of making Missouri Western a junior college," said Robertson. "It is simply absurd to think in terms of trying to turn that clock back. . . the document specially says that Missouri Western must remain a baccalaureate institution."

The document also states that Missouri Western should not offer their own graduate program. However, Ripple believes this is wrong.

"The time is at hand for the Coordinating Board to take a hard look at the desirability of transferring the graduate program at NWMSU to Missouri Western," he said.

But Robertson disagrees.

"We can't afford the luxury of saying that any college that wants a graduate program can have a graduate program," he said. "The regional universities do not offer Ph.D.s and the state colleges, quite properly, do not offer graduate programs."

A mission of the state college, as stated in the draft, is to offer a broad selection of two-year career programs and for NWMSU to phase out such programs.

But this possible phasing out of NWMSU's two-year programs "appear to be a superficial concession designed to 'balance' what the Master Plan suggests, that Missouri Western State 'give up,'" said President Looney.

"The limitation placed on NWMSU is because of the close proximity to Missouri Western," said Robertson.

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Rudolph struggles to Olympic fame

by Suzie Zillner

"If you would give me ten minutes of your time each day, I will make you a world class athlete," 13-year-old Wilma Rudolph said, trying to get the attention of her basketball coach, who had ignored Rudolph because of her age.

But ignored she wasn't, because the persistence of this woman was awarded, when Rudolph became the first woman to win three gold medals in the Olympics.

Rudolph lectured Dec. 5 in the Charles Johnson Theater.

Towards the end of her first basketball season in the small town of Clarksville, Tenn., Rudolph was scoring between 35-40 points a game.

She helped set a record--which still stands--the only girl's team in Tennessee to score over 100 points in half of their games.

Rudolph's life has not been entirely glorious. The 20th of 22 children, she was hit with a combination of double pneumonia and scarlet fever at the age of four. She survived, however, one leg was paralyzed.

"I used to find myself wondering, as I grew up, 'why am I different?' I was different from a lot of standpoints," Rudolph said. "I was different because I didn't do the average thing that most kids did. The most important thing to any kid growing up is to be included in the things that his peers are doing. I was cut off from this at an early stage."

Her determination to "contribute something" to society began when she was 12.

"Each day I would take a member of my family and bring him into my confidence. The family member made sure no one else came into the room." Rudolph would then remove her braces and practice walking across the room until she was exhausted.

Not long afterwards, Rudolph discontinued the use of her braces and began to catch up on the activities she had missed because of her handicap.

Two years later, in 1955, Rudolph began running with the Tennessee State University Track Club, coached by Ed Temple, who later became the women's track team coach for the 1960 Olympics in Rome.

In the 1956 Olympics, in Melbourne, Australia, she won a bronze medal. Four years later in Rome, she won three gold medals. Rudolph established world records in the 100- and 200-meter dash and anchored the 400-meter relay team, comprised of three friends from Tennessee State. Her 11.0, 100-meter dash record remains unbroken.

Rudolph did not participate in the 1964 Olympics.

"If I went back, all I could do would be to win three gold medals again. If I just won two there would be something lacking. If I had gone back to the Olympics, I'd be forgotten. Jesse Owens (1936 Olympic standout) stopped while he was ahead. He hasn't been forgotten."

Since her athletic "retirement," Rudolph has been involved in many activities. She has become involved in the Special Olympics program and has served on the Board of Directors of Operation Champ, a community action program designed for youth. She has also taught physical education for six years from the elementary level through college.



Photo by Suzie Zillner

After overcoming the physical handicaps of childhood diseases, Wilma Rudolph went on to achieve Olympic fame and international respect for her determination and courage to succeed.

Rudolph has written an autobiography, *Wilma*, which has been made into a movie. The movie, which will be aired a second time this winter, stars Cicely Tyson and Rudolph.

She is currently writing her second book on the technical aspects of track and field. Rudolph has signed an NBC radio contract to commentate on the 1980 Olympics in Russia.

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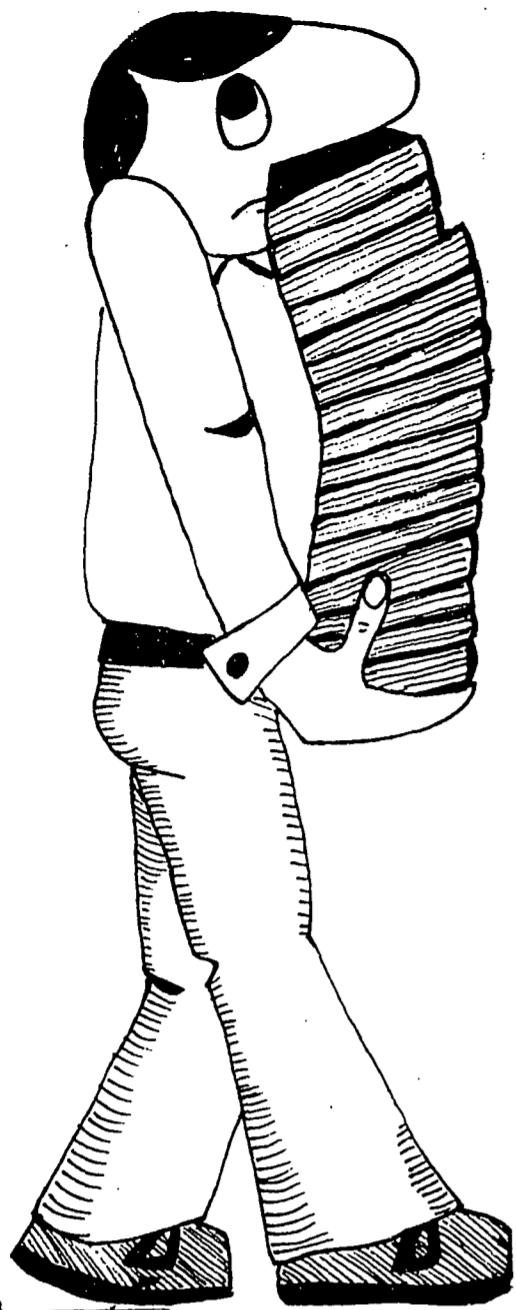
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John, a normally hard-working student, got too involved this semester. Carrying a full load, holding a part-time job and being involved in numerous activities didn't allow him enough time to do his regular assignments, much less a research paper. So, he bought one.

Theodore, also a hard-working student, worked for two months researching, organizing, composing and typing the same kind of paper.

Theodore received a "C" for his efforts, while John received an "A" for his money.

The possibility of purchasing term papers at NWMSU is now a reality for students, with the availability of two research paper companies.

Through two different ads in the *Missourian* and bulletin board advertisements, catalogs from Collegiate Research and Research Assistance, Inc. may be ordered.

"I once bought one out of curiosity," said Fry.

"I would have never turned it in, though."

Although Collegiate Research and Research Assistance, Inc. are listed under two different names and addresses, the catalogs received by the potential buyer are identical.

In fact, price is the only difference in the two companies' catalogs. Research Assistance, Inc. charges \$1 for their book, while the Collegiate Research copy is free.

The 10,250 topics in these identical catalogs range from abortion to Zionism. Prices range from \$3.50 per page for a listed subject, to \$6.75 per page for a custom-designed, original research paper.

Although these prices may seem high for something a student could write himself, circumstances like John's could encourage the purchase of a research paper.

"I might buy one, but only if I had to do it to pass the class," said a sophomore.

To some, buying term papers is comparable to cheating.

"They cost a lot, but to write a term paper with the load that I'm carrying would mean losing hours at work," said a junior.

Other students and teachers disagree.

"I wouldn't buy one, because basically, I'm here to learn how to do them," said Kevin Oliphant. "I'd take an 'F' before I'd buy one."

"Students who buy term papers don't understand that they are assigned to give them skills," said Dr. Jerald Brekke, political science professor.

"Being able to buy a term paper would be good for some people if they are behind, but I wouldn't do it," said Steve Alley. "You don't get the experience doing it that way."

Dr. Carroll Fogel, mathematics professor said, "Students might buy a term paper for the same reason they pay for college and don't go to classes."

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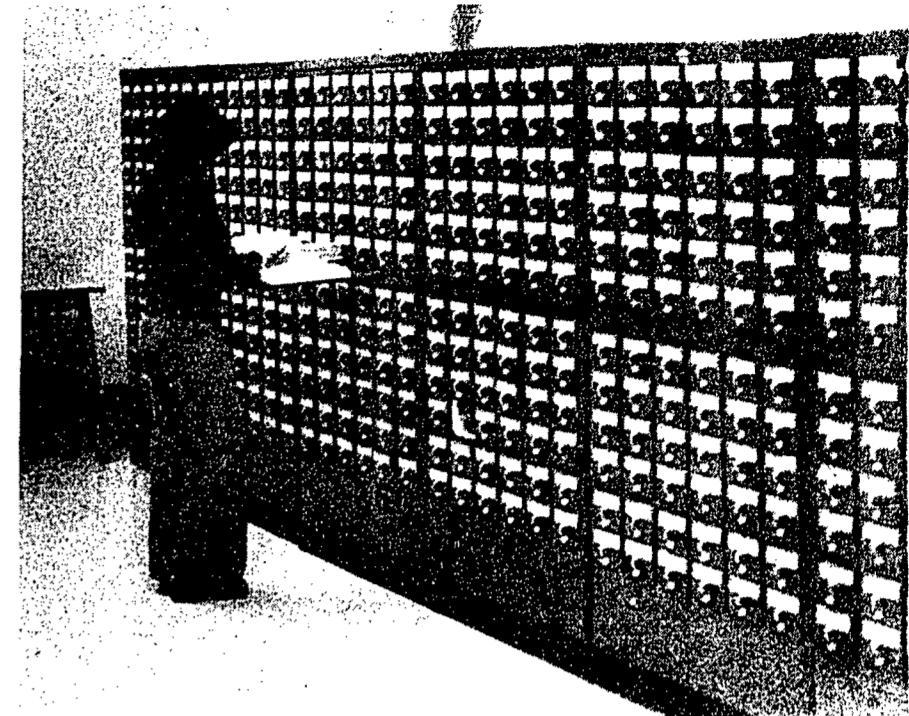
"Term paper-buying is an outright intellectual dishonesty," said Dr. John Harr, history professor.

"Buying a term paper is like cheating, in a way," said Joe Donovan. "I wouldn't want to do it. I figure I'm here to learn and you can't (learn) by cheating."

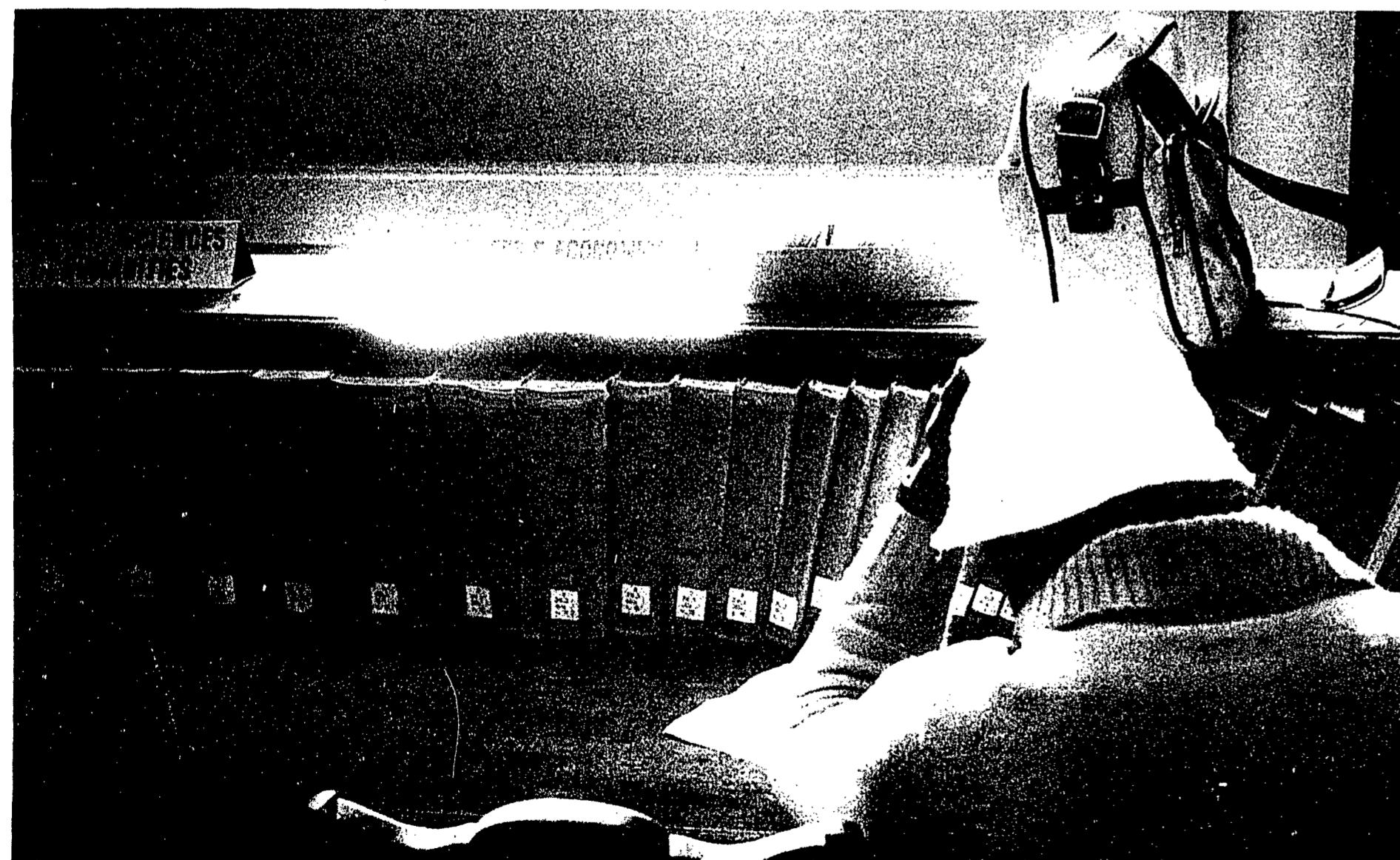
"It's fraud!" said James Shanklin, business department.



One NWMSU student uses a microfilm reader in the library for her research paper.



Card catalogs, although a frequent source of information, can be a complicated maze of call numbers and titles for some students.



Term papers, notorious for taking much time and effort, can become frustrating at times for students. Research companies exist on the hope that some students may not be able to handle the pressure.

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Thumbsucking: Effect on Dental Structure (4 pages), to Microbial Transformation in Pesticides (8 pages), are included.

This year the *Missourian* has run both the Research Assistance and Collegiate Research ads, including the information and mailing address necessary to purchase the papers.

"I believe there is a dedication to education that I think should be followed," said Dale Midland, English professor. "For the *Missourian* to run those ads would be like the *Christian Science Monitor* running beer ads. I disagree with it."

"I'm very opposed to the newspaper carrying that ad," said Fulton. "It encourages plagiarism."

Shanklin believes that having the ad in the NWMSU campus paper presents "a definite conflict of interests." He believes that the publication should be "morally obliged" not to print the ad.

As a student, Donovan agrees.

"They shouldn't run it," he said. "In a way, it's degrading the school. People look at the school differently if they see the ad which is almost encouraging people to cheat."

Brekke believes the advertising is covered by the first amendment.

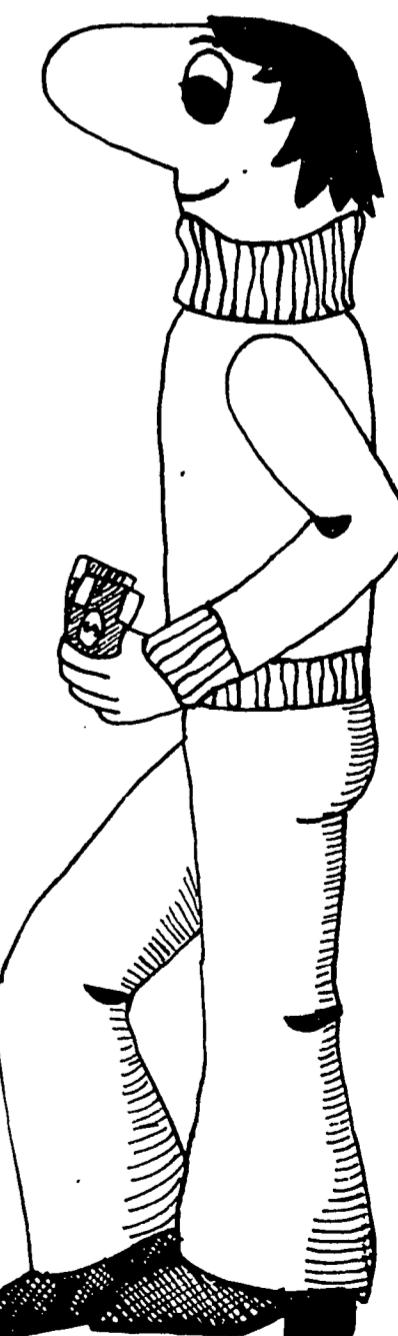
Some instructors believe a bought term paper would be fairly easy to detect for various reasons.

"Go ahead and advertise them," he said. "I believe in freedom of expression, if the students are that naive."

Tony Moles believes that as long as a company is willing to pay for the ad, then there is no reason not to run it.

Alley agrees.

"It doesn't bother me if they run the ad," he said. "It's up to the individual whether or not they want to use it."



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The Goodbye Girl is one of a long line of comedies written by Neil Simon. Simon's effort here is far superior to his recent film work, *The Cheap Detective*. Simon is writing a sequel to *The Goodbye Girl*, which will be in production next year.

Gene Shalit of NBC-TV comments, "The Goodbye Girl is a joyous comedy--just what the doctor ordered. Neil Simon makes feeling good legal..."

The Goodbye Girl will be presented by the Union Board at 7 p.m., Dec. 7 and 7:30 p.m., Dec. 8 in Horace Mann Auditorium.



Carneal works to preserve the past

by Yolanda Watson

With a \$38,900 grant, Thomas Carneal, history instructor, is researching Andrew County for possible historical sites.

The grant allows Carneal time off from teaching, providing travel expenses, legal searches, photography and duplicating processes. Carneal began the project in April and has traveled 9,000 miles looking at historical sites in Northwest Missouri.

"My profession of history helped arouse my interest in such a project," said Carneal. "I have seen accidental and

deliberate destruction of possible historic sites and felt someone had to do something about it."

The process documents site structure for each possible historic object, shows location, gives legal description, including a description from an architectural point of view, and gives information on the type of building materials.

"Presently, we only have listings of historical sites," said Carneal. "The end result is to nominate a structure to the national registers of Washington, D.C., so it can be preserved and designated as a

national historic site."

Carneal has several students assisting him with the survey. Renae Evans and Connie Karns are secretaries for Carneal; Andrew Lord, Gerri Wolff and Jill Watrous are photographers.

Carneal has surveyed 25,000 homes in St. Joseph with the assistance of St. Joseph Community Development.

To find the sites, Carneal uses the "windshield method" (sighting from the car), county court files, books, diaries,

articles, letters and thorough conversation with residents of the county.

"I'm not in opinion that every old building has to be kept, as we can't have everything as a museum," explained Carneal. "The intent is to show there are historical sites in the area which need to be kept with a purpose. So far, the president's home and Simpson College of Graham have been nominated. There is no end to this project now--we have just started and we will keep adding to it."

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Bearcats, 'Kittens streak on

by Dave Gieseke

The fast-starting Bearcat basketball team kept right on going Tuesday night, as they defeated Park College, 92-65.

Ahead only 42-41 at halftime, the 'Cats came out with an offensive and defensive spark, as they shot 66.7 percent from the field.

Phil Blount was the leading 'Cat scorer with 18 points. Crale Bauer added 15 while Russ Miller had 13.

The Bearkittens also continued their winning ways as they defeated Wayne State, 83-46, Monday night, to advance their record to 6-0.

After leading the Wayne State Wildkittens by a score of 43-23, the 'Kittens came out in the second half and forced the Wildkittens into 26 turnovers. Julie Schmitz and Teresa Gumm led the 'Kitten charge with eight and five steals respectively. A 1-2-2 half court zone was effective in causing the Wildkitten turnovers.

Julie Chadwick was the leading 'Kitten scorer, as she netted 18. Gumm, who had her best game as a collegiate, came in with 16 points. Suzie Livengood added 13 and Patty Painter had 12.

Keeping their records unblemished, the men's and women's basketball teams try to retain their winning ways in action this weekend.

Both the 'Cats and 'Kittens successfully defended their championships in the past weekend's Ryland Milner Invitational Tournament.

The 'Cats captured first place for the second consecutive year by knocking off Dana, 96-68, in the opening round and Monmouth for the championship.

The 'Kittens also claimed their second

consecutive Ryland Milner championship and their second of the season (they won the Turkey Tournament earlier) by defeating Missouri Southern, 84-68 and Wayne State, 71-51.

"We didn't play as well as we can," said Kathy Wagner, assistant coach. "We didn't feel we beat them as bad as we could have."

The 'Cats placed three players on the all-tournament team, while the 'Kittens could only place one. Miller, Jeff Levetzow and Melvin Tyler all received the honor for the 'Cats. The 'Kittens lone all-tournament player was Livengood. She also was named most valuable player in the women's division.

"I was pleased that three players were on the all-tournament squad," Holley said, "but all of our players played well and any other three could have been named to the squad."

In the 'Cats' first game against Dana, we played real well and blew them away."

"Dana played well against us in the first half," Holley said, "but in the second half, we played real well and blew them away."

The 'Cats outscored Dana by 18 points in the second half and pulled away for a 96-68 victory. Blount was the leading scorer with 15 points while Bauer added 14. Miller was the other 'Cat in double figures with 12 points.

In what Holley termed as "the best 20 minutes we have played so far this year," the 'Cats jumped out to an early lead against Monmouth and never let the Fighting Scots come close as they won 90-69.

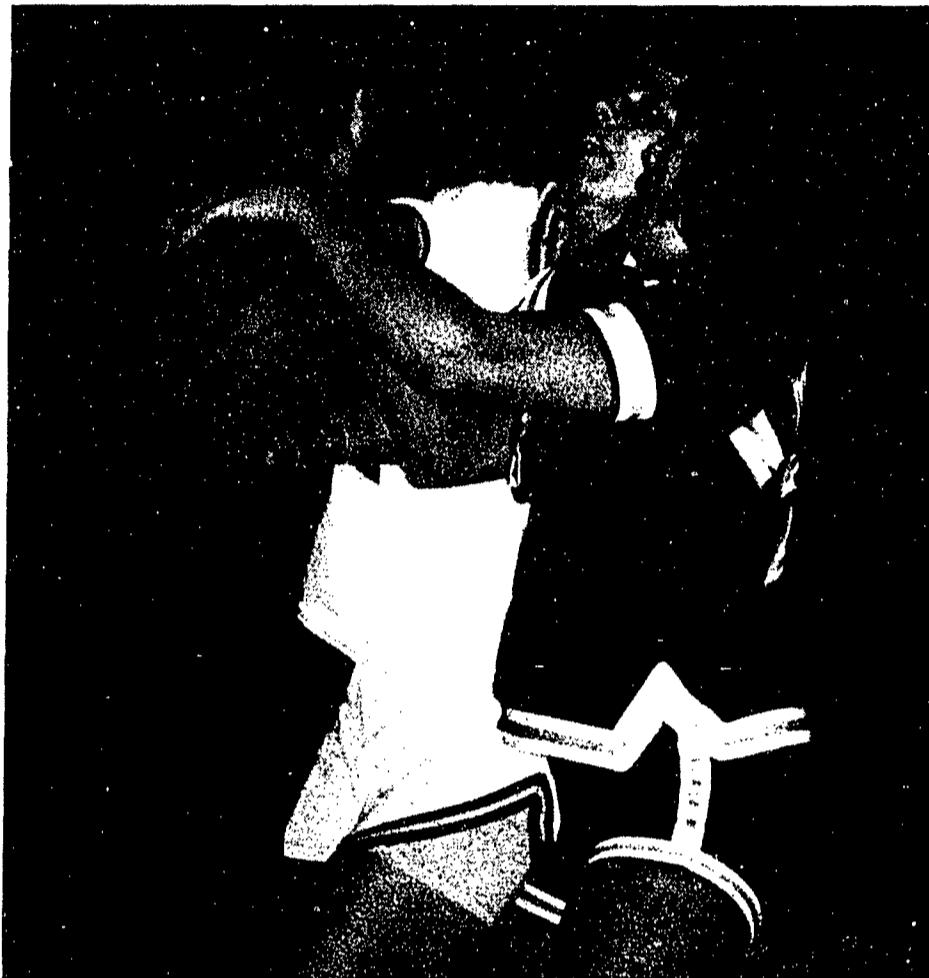


Photo by Dave Gieseke

In action from the Ryland Milner Tournament, Suzie Livengood fights a Wayne State player for a rebound. Livengood helped lead the 'Kittens to their second straight Milner tournament championship and was named the most valuable player in the tourney.

because it is tough to maintain the intensity when you have a 23-point lead.

Miller topped all 'Cat scorers with 14 points. Another all-tournament selection, Levetzow had 13. Bill Sobbe and Bauer each scored 10 points.

In the women's division, the 'Kittens were never really tested as they forged their way to another championship. In the opener, Painter had 20 points while Livengood added 17 to help the 'Kittens past Missouri Southern. Gumm added 11 for the 'Kittens.

In the championship game, the 'Kittens were ahead by only five points, 34-29, before they pulled away from Wayne State 71-51. Coming up with 14 steals and using a fast break offense, the 'Kittens weren't threatened in the second half. Livengood led the 'Kittens with 16 points. Other top scorers were Schmitz, 11, and Chadwick, 10.

This weekend the Nebraska-Omaha Mavs will travel to Lamkin Gymnasium to take on the Bearcats. Holley looks for tough competition from the Mavs.

"Nebraska-Omaha has been in the Division II play-offs the last five years," he said. "It is a key game for us and the players must be mentally prepared for it."

"After the Tarkio game, (Dec. 7) the schedule gets much tougher. It's super the way we started," Holley continued. "The players have confidence not only in themselves, but in the team as well."



Photo by Ben Holder

Freshman forward Crale Bauer dribbles down the court while a Dana player tries to guard him. Bauer was a factor in the 'Cats

second consecutive Ryland Milner championship. The 'Cats beat both Dana and Monmouth in the tourney.

Colleges discuss change in MIAA

by Dave Gieseke

Scholarships, spring football and expansion were some of the items discussed at the MIAA conference meeting last week.

A proposal to increase the number of football scholarships from 35 to 60 and the number of basketball scholarships from 11 to 12 was amended according to Dr. John Mees, secretary/treasurer of the conference. The proposal was amended to 45 football scholarships with basketball remaining at 11. The amendment was defeated.

"The conference took a wait-and-see attitude. We decided to wait until after the national NCAA Division II national

meeting," Dr. Mees said.

At that meeting, a proposal to reduce the current 60 scholarships to 45 will be voted on. The proposal, which would take effect immediately, would reduce the number of scholarships to 55 in the 1979-80 season, to 50 in 1980-81, and 45 in 1981-82.

"I think there is a very good chance that the NCAA Division II will adopt this proposal," Dr. Mees said.

According to Dr. Mees, if the proposal is passed, then the conference could hold a special meeting in January to discuss their options.

Spring football was also on the agenda.

Currently the MIAA conference allows spring football practice without pads. Other NCAA Division II conferences allow spring practice with pads. A proposal was made, but defeated, to allow practice with pads for 10 days out of the 20 spring football days.

"The conference took into consideration the cost, equipment care and injuries. We decided that spring practice without pads is okay," Dr. Mees said.

Other items discussed were expansion and the creation of new baseball divisions.

According to Dr. Mees, the conference is interested in expansion but did not reach a decision on which schools would be invited or the number of schools that would be asked into the conference.

"The athletic directors of each school will meet in the spring, and they will set up a criteria for entrance into the conference," Dr. Mees said.

The conference also created two divisions for the baseball season. These were created due to the rain and travel factors.

This year, NWMSU will be joined by Northeast, Central and Lincoln in the northern division. Southwest, Southeast and Rolla will be in the Southern division. Teams will only play within their division with a play-off series between the division winners. The teams in the divisions will change again in 1980 and 1981.

Supremacy bout nears halt

by Ben Holder

The battle for year-end intramural athletic supremacy is nearing a mid-year lull with the close of the 1978 fall semester.

Midway point tallies show the Phi Sigs, the North Complex and Franken Hall to be the front-runners of their respective divisions.

A slim margin of two points is all that separates the Phi Sigs from the TKEs, as they lead 59-57 in the race for fraternity supremacy. The North Complex is rolling over other independent dorms with a total of 90 points. Franken holds a ten point lead over Millikan, with women's ping-pong still to be played. The Chi Delphians, with nine points, have been the only sorority to place in intramurals.

These totals are based on the final results of participation in the fall sports program. That line-up included football (men), softball (women), tennis, ping pong and coed volleyball.

Intramural Director Don Jacobs termed the first half year of athletics to be quite successful. Jacobs, a graduate assistant, said over 500 men participated in the intramural football program. This year marked the first time coed volleyball has been offered. The new volleyball program he said, was very popular among independents and fraternities alike. It was so popular in fact that it was the cause of the cancellation of badminton.

Competition for supremacy will resume with the start of the spring semester. Sports for the spring term are scheduled to include basketball, badminton, bowling, softball, swimming, wrestling, racketball and track. All sports have men's and women's teams, except for the wrestling program.

Jacobs said the most popular sport will probably be men's and women's basketball. A turnout of about 70 teams--independent and fraternity--is anticipated for that winter sport.

Intramural basketball is divided into two divisions--competitive and recreational. The competitive league is just what it says--competitive. In that league, points for supremacy are kept. The other league is for anyone that goes to school here, but doesn't want to go out for the "blood and guts" as Jacobs puts it.

Deadlines for registration of teams and starting dates for the winter sports have yet to be set, said Jacobs. However, a Dec. 11 deadline had been set for registration of basketball teams.

He said other intramural deadlines would be announced following the Christmas break. Information about upcoming sports will be posted on the intramural bulletin board in the Union and around campus. Starting dates for all sports are still tentative.

ON THE SIDELINES

by Dave Gieseke

Just when you think football is out of the news, it pops back up again.

At the MIAA Conference meeting last week, two items discussed had great bearing, not only on conference football, but on football here at NWMSU.

The items discussed were the increasing of football scholarships and allowing spring football practice to be conducted in pads.

Currently, the conference and NWMSU allow 35 scholarships a year. A proposed amendment to increase that number to 60 was later revised to allow 45 scholarships but still was defeated. According to Dr. John Mees, secretary/treasurer of the conference, a wait-and-see attitude was taken until the NCAA Division meeting. A proposal there would reduce the number of scholarships from 60 to 45 over the years.

But what if this proposal does not pass?

Then the conference will still only allow 35 scholarships while schools like Nebraska-Omaha and Augustana, both Bearcat opponents next year, offer 60. The conference teams can not compete with teams like this with their scholarship superiority.

The proposal that would have allowed conference squads to compete in spring practice with pads could have benefited the programs throughout the conference.

Right now the conference does not allow spring practice with pads. A proposal to allow practice with pads for 10 days out of 20 was defeated. This also hurt the chances of NWMSU and other schools to improve their programs.

The same schools that allow 60 scholarships, also have spring football with pads. Without pads, coaches are forced to wait until practice begins in the fall to really start anything. Other teams, which the Bearcats will play next year, will have a jump on MIAA Conference teams, a jump which the 'Cats could really use.

The conference will meet again in May. By that time, maybe they will have changed their minds for the better and approve these proposals that could only benefit their schools and conference.

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Athlete without a sport

by Cheryl Krell

Phil Esposito has a "lucky" blue towel that he bought while swimming in the Junior Olympics. Since then, he has carried it to all competitive events, including intramurals, that he participates in. He claims that it brings him good luck.

Unfortunately, Esposito's luck seemed to have run out last spring when the sport he had lettered in for three years was cancelled.

Holding the record in the medley relay and tying the 100-yard and 200-yard butterfly records, Esposito is now a letterman without a sport.

"When I first heard that they cancelled swimming, my first reaction was one of disgust," he said. "You know, when you're a senior it's really hard to go someplace else. I wanted to swim, but it was too late to try and change schools without losing a lot of my credits."

There were several factors involved in the cancellation of the swimming program. Included in the reasons were the passage of Title IX and the unsatisfactory conditions of the NWMSU pool.

"I agreed with Title IX because the girls should be allowed the same sports as the guys," said Esposito. "What made me mad was the pool. Ever since I was a freshman they had been telling me they were going to get a new pool."

Compared to other schools, NWMSU's pool is outdated. Regulation pools are 25 yards long and have six lanes. NWMSU's pool is 20 yards long with three lanes.

Esposito believes this was a definite disadvantage.

"We'd have to make the three lanes into four and then it would be crowded," he said.

The smaller pool also made a lot of difference in other ways.

"As a butterflier I have to count my strokes," said Esposito. "It was hard to adapt to and it sometimes throws your breathing off."

Born in New York City, Esposito graduated from Central Islip High School in New York. He first learned to swim in ninth grade and was voted most valuable freshman the same year.

"I wrestled before that and I was always getting beat up so I went out for the swim team," he said. "I really didn't know how to swim at first."

Remembering his first meet is not hard for Esposito. In fact, he probably wishes he could forget it.

"I remember it because while I still had 50 yards to swim, I looked up and saw the guy that I was competing against was already out of the pool and drying off," he explained. "Of course I lost."

Majoring in industrial arts and physical education, Esposito chose NWMSU over offers from several colleges around the United States including Arizona State and Kansas State. Along with the swimming program, the industrial arts department here played a major role in his decision.

"I think the I.A. program here is one of the best anywhere," he said. "It was also part of the reason I didn't switch schools after swimming was discontinued. I also wanted to go to a smaller school. I didn't want to go where I would feel like a number."

Esposito hopes to one day coach and teach on the high school level.

"One of the reasons I want to teach is so I can have my summers off," he said. "I like to teach, though, and I want to coach. Right now I have a practicum gymnastics class that I teach."

Since the cancellation of the swim program at NWMSU, some members of the team have organized a swim club. Esposito plans to join next semester.

"It's good to keep swimming going," he said. "But it won't be the same. We won't actually be competing that much."

With both his sport and his scholarship gone, Esposito finds wearing his letter jacket "depressing".

"I just don't wear it too much," he said. "Not as much as I used to anyway. Everyone asks what did you letter in, and you have to tell them that there is no more team. It's just kind of depressing."

Grapplers grip first at Graceland

After the scores were re-tabulated, the Bearcat wrestling team was not tied for first place, but finished at the top all alone in the Graceland Invitational.

When the 'Cats left Dec. 2 they thought they had tied with Northeast Missouri State, but that all changed.

The Bearcats will host the 13th annual NWMSU Invitational Wrestling Tournament Dec. 8 and 9.

Eight teams will compete in the tournament. Defending champions Augustana, ranked fifth nationally this week, will be back to defend last year's title.

Other teams in the competition will be

Central Oklahoma State, Northeast Missouri State, Northern Iowa, Lincoln, Wayne State and Peru State.

"Last year Northwest won this tournament," commented Coach Gary Collins before the match. "This year will be tougher because our team lost two of the individual champions because of graduation. To be successful, our wrestlers and team will have to be at their peak."

That's just what the Bearcats did to achieve their victory over the defending MIAA champs. Collins' wrestlers used a great team effort as all 10 of the wrestlers placed.

Leading the Bearcats was sophomore heavyweight Joe Farrell, who was the lone Bearcat individual champion.

Farrell pinned Simpson's Bob Post and Coe College's Jeff Selby. Farrell stopped Northeast's John Brothers in the finals, 4-1, to capture the heavyweight title.

Captains Bob Glenn (118) and Marty Carter (177) gained second place finishes for the 'Cats while Joe High (126), Ron Zech (142) and Craig Buschbom (158) captured three third place finishes.

Rounding out the results for the other four wrestlers were Kurt Nelson (134), Terry Lenox (150), Lee Schechinger (167)

and Jim Shemwell (190). All gained fourth place finishes.

Competing as wildcard entries were Kirk Strand (118), Mike Kemery (126), Phil Zech (150), Rich Bright (158) and Scott Lane (190). Strand, Zech, Bright and Lane each gained a match victory for the Bearcats.

"We're extremely pleased with our showing Saturday," said Collins. "We had only one champion and two others reached the finals but our guys battled through the wrestle backs and that's what won us the title."

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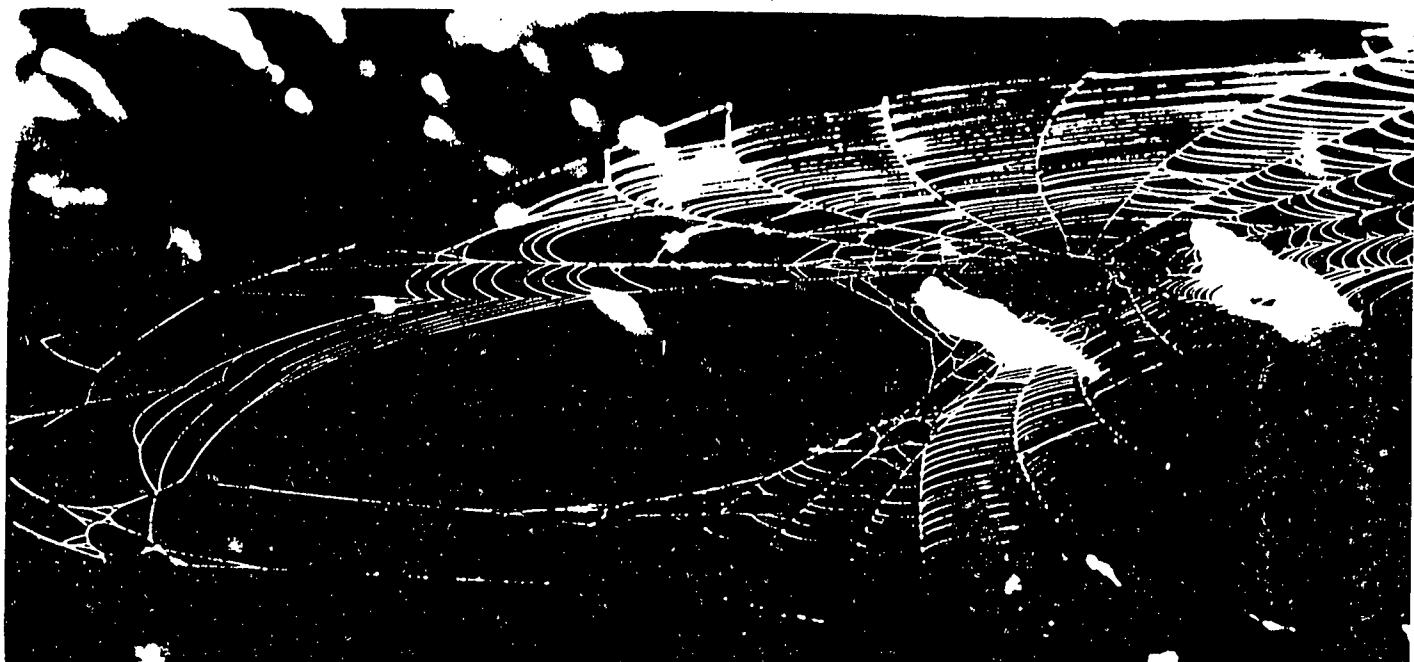


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LETTERS FROM READERS

SORORITY GROUPS INCONSIDERATE

Dear Editor,

I would love to call security on certain sorority groups early some mornings.

This morning I was awakened by the cheers of one group (which I will not put a name to this time) at 2:30. I went out to complain and I was met by this snarfy attitude, they felt they weren't disturbing anybody, and if they were, tough.

Unfortunately, they did. One girl, right next to the lobby, who had not gotten any sleep, so-to-speak, for a good week. I couldn't get back to sleep after that. I'm sure a good many others were disturbed on the front of Perrin. I'm also sure the cleaning ladies liked cleaning the mud off the walls.

I feel this is a lack of consideration for others, and that they could have made arrangements some place else and cleaned up their own mess.

As I understand the sorority's function, unless I'm badly mistaken, is to make ladies of these girls. Ladies, like gentlemen, are supposed to be considerate. If their group activities are anything to judge by, they fail miserably (from what I've seen).

On behalf of Perrin Hall residents who like to sleep at night.

STUDENTS SHOULD SERVE ON BOARD OF REGENTS

Dear Editor,

The current proposal before the Missouri Collegiate Student Government Association to allow a student representative on the University Board of Regents is an excellent idea. Such a representative would allow student monitoring of administrative policies and would provide for student input into Board decisions. Having a faculty representative on the Board would provide a similar service for faculty members. The problem mentioned by Dr. Owens (that an inexperienced student would have difficulty understanding the existing problems of the University) could be remedied by briefing the new student Board member on current problems when she/he takes office.

These ideas could be carried further. Faculty and student representatives could be given a vote in Board decisions. Also, these representatives could be elected by the student body and faculty members, rather than being appointed by the governor. This would insure democratic representation for students and faculty.

Robert Bartles

THE STROLLER

Well, it has finally happened. The long arm of the law has caught up with your Stroller. Your campus Crusader's long-awaited, highly-touted trial took place this week.

The beginning of the end of your campus Carouser's brush with Dormitory Five-O started this week when your Stroller received a memo from a certain director of housing, requesting the appearance of your Hero before the student court. Since your Stroller had been notified several times as to what day to appear in court and then been notified several times of the court's cancellation, he took little heed of the latest request.

Forgetting about the notice, your Hero spent that day like any other--got out of bed about noon, took a shower and thought about going to class. Deciding against going to class, your Stroller opted to try his luck at Saga Roulette. On his way to the cafeteria, who should your lucky campus Crusader pass, but one Jeff McGarrett. Always being right on the ball Inspector McG reminded your Stroller that they had a date that evening in the hallowed chambers of the student court.

The rest of the day passed as usual; Channel 41 reruns, a quick look through the latest issue of Penthouse and a friendly game of poker with a few of your Hero's closest cohorts and sometimes partners in crime.

The fatal hour soon approached, so your Stroller gathered up his faithful companions and headed for the 'courthouse'.

Artfully dodging reporters' questions and avoiding the cameras so as not to have his face flashed across the six o'clock news, your Stroller made his way into the Courthouse.

Upon arrival at the designated area, your Stroller was informed that the proceedings were not open to the public and all of his faithful friends would have to wait outside the courtroom.

After many grumbles, your Hero assured his friends he would be all right and that if he wasn't out in ten minutes, for them to come in after him.

Your Stroller entered the courtroom and faced the court, which consisted of the faculty adviser, four young lads and two lovely young co-eds.

After pleading his case and winking several times at the charming young ladies, your Stroller's accuser, the inscrutable Inspector McGarrett, was asked to step into the room.

When McGarrett began to speak, the faculty adviser of the student court turned on a tape recorder. Your Stroller wondered why his key testimony hadn't warranted the use of the recorder, but just as he was getting ready to ask, the cassette started spewing tape everywhere.

"Hold on," said the faculty adviser.

The proceedings were held up while he repaired the machine.

"O.K.," he said. "Go ahead."

McGarrett began to speak again, but once again, the machine acted up, causing a couple of feet of tape to exit the machine via the top.

Your Stroller had to chuckle under his breath about the machine's obvious "contempt of court."

McGarrett was allowed to continue his testimony without the benefit of the recorder. After he was finished, he and your Stroller were excused.

The jury deliberated for about ten minutes and your Stroller was asked to return and hear the sentence.

"Since your case is a little different," began the chairman of the court, "and you haven't really had a speedy trial, we are only going to put you on campus conduct probation for the rest of this semester."

Leaving the courtroom, your Hero wondered what was wrong with his campus conduct, as he had never had any complaints about it before. He informed his friends of the outcome and they headed back to the dorm, where your Stroller promptly mixed up a big batch of his famous mind-boggling, patent-pending elixir called Jungle Juice. Just joking, Inspector.

IN FOCUS

In the bleak, silence of winter, a log cabin seems isolated in the white, icy landscape.



Photo by Jim MacNeil

MWSC should FOREVER hold its PEACE

Missouri Western State College had their chance.

MWSC President M.O. Looney and eight other speakers representing the college were allowed to air their grievances at the recent hearing of the Coordinating Board of the proposed Master Plan III.

But, considering the Board has spent the time and effort to submit two other drafts before proposing the third draft, MWSC's complaints will be unheeded.

The Board has no doubt considered the effects of Master Plan III and has thoroughly examined the plan for the betterment of the two existing schools.

And, although there were many people from MWSC at the meeting, they were unable to persuade the Board to change their minds.

In his summary, Bruce Robertson, Missouri Department of Higher Education commissioner, neatly and concisely answered the questions raised

by the MWSC speakers. He was able to voice the Board's decisions and thoughts in a clear and precise manner.

Most importantly, though, he remained unaffected by several of the MWSC speakers' synical statements.

Before a "standing room only" crowd, which consisted of mostly MWSC associated people, he withstood the hostile criticism that the Board received, including several personal insults given by St. Joseph Mayor Gordon Wiser.

MWSC did have their chance at the meeting, but it was not a chance to have the entire idea thrown out. It was a chance to voice their opinions of the plan and present their suggestions.

Master Plan III is not an idea conceived in a short time. It had forethought and much research. And, therefore, it will not be terminated because MWSC "won't settle for half a college."

The Master Plan III is inevitable.

Rights to uncensored advertising defended

The Northwest Missourian has recently come under criticism for printing ads for research paper companies. To forbid these ads or any other advertising, except libelous ads, would mean censorship.

To censor such advertising means someone judging what students are allowed to read. Students at NWMSU don't need a "big brother" to decide what they should or should not have access to. With maturity comes the right to make decisions.

Apparently most students are making the right decisions since none of the

interviewed teachers or students had encountered a research paper bought from these companies.

If the research paper companies are willing to pay to run their ads, they deserve the same rights as any other paying advertiser. They simply offer a service and it's up to the **Missourian** readers whether they want to use this service or not.

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